

In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, diversity. In all things, charity.

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## Welcome Dr. Gillett

KENTUCKY REGION INSTALLS NEW REGIONAL MINISTER



You Are Invited  
Join us virtually for the  
Installation  
of  
Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II  
Regional Minister  
Christian Church (Disciples  
of Christ) in Kentucky  
Sunday, October 3, 2021  
4:00 pm ET  
on  
[Crestwood Christian Church](#)  
[YouTube Channel](#)

## Message from the President

Greetings Church Family,

Fall is the most beautiful time of the year to me. We are so blessed to live where we get to witness God's beauty throughout the changing seasons. As we come to the close of the Season of Creation, I want to say a special thank you to Mark and his committee members who participated in "A Season of Creation Exhibition Capturing Wonder." Thank you also to all those who shared their special memories from their loved ones.

As the month of September comes to an end, it brings forth a little sadness. Each Sunday this month has been a special blessing to me and I would say to all of you, too. I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to Pastor Nancy!



Anne R. Buckner  
President

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# The Echo

First Christian Church of Morehead

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## Notes From Pastor Nancy

Dear Disciples,

We've hit another rough patch in this ongoing global pandemic. Every time we think we're nearing the end of the worst of it all, a new cruel curve ball is thrown at us. Reverend Nancy Gowler Many of us were jubilant as vaccines with incredible effectiveness were rolled out earlier this year. As soon as we were eligible, we made our appointments, rolled up our sleeves, and weathered the possible side effects of vaccines. We did so for ourselves, for our families, friends, coworkers, and for our neighbors.



But sadly, many of our neighbors did not. Our county's vaccination rate slowed, not reaching 50% until September 2021. And that low vaccination rate kept the door open for the new Delta variant to spread. Our local hospital has been highlighted on the national news—because of the alarming numbers of COVID-19 patients in its care and the ongoing stress placed on its medical care staff.

I've heard from many of you that you're tired. You're exhausted from the goal posts continually being moved further away. You miss the community of our faith practices, the hugs and greetings, the laughter, the shared meals. The choir longs to sing again, and we would love to hear congregational singing ring through our sanctuary.



The picture of this sidewalk sign appeared in my Facebook feed this week. It made me smile. Not only because last night my barbacoa taco fell apart as I was trying to eat dinner, but because it was a word I needed to hear, too.

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### *Message From The President p1*

We are so blessed to have you as our spiritual leader. Your unique and creative talent to take the beauty of our surroundings and consolidate it with the Lectionary scriptures each Sunday fills my heart with love and joy. Even though we are still unable to worship in person with our church family, Pastor Nancy has been able to include 13 musicians and liturgists along with the sermon and communion to produce a wonderful worship service each Sunday. They have been filled with the background of our beautiful Appalachian mountains, lakes, rivers and streams that adds a deep calming feeling with soothing sounds of mother nature. A special thanks to all the liturgists who volunteered to help to make our Season of Creation Worship so outstanding.

I want to say congratulations to Brian Carter, who received notice that he has been accepted into medical school. We are all happy for you as you enter into this new journey in your life. I would also like to bring your attention to the beautiful mural painting wall downtown on the side of Pasquale's. The Cave Run Story Telling mural was painted by our very own Ethan Jenkins. Stop by the next time you're downtown and take in the beauty of our local talent.

Some special upcoming events to look forward to follows:

- October - **Trunk or Treat** - October 23 from 5-7pm. We along with other local churches will participate in offering Halloween treats for the children of the Morehead Community.
- November - **The Silent Auction** will be October 31 - November 7 ending with the Birthday Dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

I hope you are enjoying the history articles I have been sharing with you. This month I am sharing how Morehead went from a town of darkness to a town of hope and faith with the help and encouragement of Edward Owings Guerrant.

In closing, I pray for God's blessings for each of you. May you feel his love and grace as you go about doing his daily work.

Sincerely,  
Anne

### *Notes From Pastor Nancy p1*

In the midst of all of this uncertainty, as we grieve experiences and people we miss, even as we struggle with resentment or anger, I encourage you to be kind to yourself. Allow yourself to feel whatever emotions come to you. There is no one right way to live through a pandemic.

Each Thursday night vespers includes two readings: one from Mark's gospel and also a psalm. The Psalms are a gift to us—in it we are given the heights and the depths of human emotions. Nothing is off limits. We hear the rawness of personal pain and tragedy. The psalmist gives voice to despair and loneliness.

*I am twisted, I am all bent.*

*All day long I go about gloomy. (Ps. 38:7)*

At times the honesty can take us aback. (Ps. 137:9 is a horrific example.) For me it bears witness to the wideness of God's embrace. There is no emotion we can experience that would make God turn away. The psalmist offers words of soaring praise and joy alongside of the darkness of pain and suffering. It is an unflinching portrayal of human living with no judgement or rejection.

Through all its pages the psalms provide a glimpse of a faith forged in the messiness of life. Faith that doesn't require a forced optimism or demand we live with false smile on our faces. So give yourself some space...and some grace, too. These days of pandemic may linger, but God's steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 136)

Be well. Be kind.

And always be the church where you are.

*Pastor Nancy*

### **Bible Quiz**

Jacob agreed to work

7 years for the hand of:

Gomer  
Rachel  
Hagar  
Isabel



# Our Beginnings—A History and Comment

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH BY ANNE REYNOLDS BUCKNER

**Early Beginnings of FCC 1888.** excerpt *The Morehead News*, by Jack Ellis, April 3, 1998 [MSU Scholarworks](#)

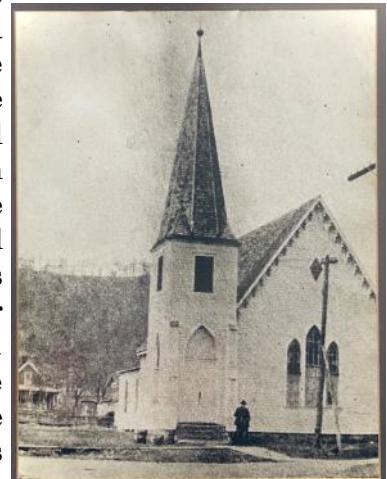
In the years of 1884-1887 darkness was upon the land in Morehead. The flame of faith was flickering faintly. Morehead was a town terrorized by a bloody feud between factions and political parties. Innocent people were caught in the middle and were afraid to leave their homes at night. A fragile peace was negotiated between the feuding families in April 1885. It lasted less than a month before being broken. Both sides hired gunfighters with questionable reputations. The fighting escalated and many people were being killed or wounded. Governor Knott reluctantly ordered 100 fully armed troops to restore order. There would be peace in Morehead only as long as the troops remained. But as soon as they left the fighting would escalate. For the next two years the citizens of Morehead were afraid for their lives. Therefore church services were rare and when services were held they were held in the Courthouse. In June 1887 the flame of faith flickered. The Governor of Morehead refused to send troops a third time, the good citizens of Morehead decided to act. They armed themselves on June 22, 1887, after a bloody gun battle that resulted in four people being killed, peace came to Morehead. In 1888 a Presbyterian preacher by the name of Dr. Edward

Owings Guerrant began to hold services in the courthouse in Morehead. Since there was no church building in town, he succeeded in convincing the Christian Church (DoC), Methodist and Presbyterians to build a "Union Church" located on the present site of the Christian Church. Each church would hold services at their scheduled time. Since church services were being held intermittently, this arrangement worked well. The Kentucky Conference of the Methodist Church in 1890 mentions that the Methodist have a mission church in Morehead and hold one-third interest there along with the Presbyterians and Disciples of Christ. Let it be said that Morehead was the cradle of ecumenism. In 1892 the Presbyterians moved out of Morehead, and in 1896 the Methodist built their own building. The Christian Church then acquired sole ownership of the Union Church. They quickly repaired and renovated this building and the congregation grew rapidly.

Edward Owings Guerrant was a Sharpsburg, KY native who became an author, medical doctor, and a renowned Presbyterian minister.



Rev. Dr. Edward Owings Guerrant began to hold services in 1888 on the present site of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), known as the Union Church.



Union Church, 1888

Three denominations (Presbyterian, Methodists, Christian) held services at the Union Church which was on the present site of our building.

Photo: Anne Buckner

**2021 Special Day Offering October 3rd.** The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering will be received in congregations this year on September 26th and October 3rd. Our theme is "Revealing God's Justice: The Time is Always Ripe to Do What is Right." Now, in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd, violence against Asian and Pacific Islanders, and the deadly inequities of the Coronavirus Pandemic, is the time for our Church to strengthen its commitment to actively seek God's justice. More info [HERE](#).



Disciples Websites

[Cane Ridge Meeting](#)

[Disciples News Service](#)

[Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)](#)

[Disciples Home Missions](#)

[Lexington Theological Seminary](#)

[Mission Behind Bars and Beyond](#)



April survey of birds that visit backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America. With FeederWatch, your observations become part of something bigger than your backyard because you report back to the program run by Cornell University to help them monitor birds. For more information about this program visit [feederwatch.org](http://feederwatch.org)

--Mark Etherton



We're looking for a few spooky cars...and loads of candy treats!

**Trunk or Treat**  
When: October 23, 5-7 pm  
Where: FCC Parking Lot

## Join the Trunk-or-Treat Church Trail

### MOREHEAD CHURCHES TO OFFER SAFE TRICK-OR-TREATING OPTION

Remember the excitement of dressing up for Halloween as a kid? This year revisit the fun by participating in our Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 23, from 5-7 pm.

It's easy to get involved. Pick a theme. Decorate the trunk or back of your car. Add costumes for yourselves. Pick up some candy, and join the fun! Stumped on how to decorate your car? Pinterest is filled with ideas or check out the article on "[26 Creative Trunk-or-Treat Ideas](#)" from Good Housekeeping. We have 22 spaces in our parking lot, so there's more than enough room for your decked out vehicle! Or partner with a friend and have double the fun!

We are also looking for candy donations. If you're not able to be at the church on October 23, consider picking up some bulk candy and dropping it by the church before Friday, October 22. For more information or to sign up, contact the church office, Pastor Nancy, Mary Claire Williams, or message us on Facebook.



Genny Jenkins  
Music Director

## Choir & Bells

Thank you so much for always supporting music at FCC. Here are a few ways you can support music this fall.

Community Choir Messiah. Dr. Greg Detweiler will once again lead this event and will take place in December (more details later). If you would like to assist with this event by singing or by donating to support the hiring of an orchestra to accompany the performance, please contact Genny Jenkins at [gjenkins1168@gmail.com](mailto:gjenkins1168@gmail.com).



Sarah Chaney  
Bells Director

Intern Recitals. Several of our interns have recitals this fall. Please mark your calendars!

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|------------------|---|
| Everett Quiggins | - November 21 <sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm           |
| Isaiah Florence  | - November 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday at 3:00pm    |
| Anna Grayson     | - Friday, November, 12 <sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  |
| Caleb Fouts      | - Thursday, October 28 <sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. |

## All Saints Day/All Souls Day

Sunday, October 31, 2021



Please email or call the church with the names of friends or family members you would like to be remembered on this special day in the life of the church.

[FCC Email](#) or call 606-784-4836.

As we remember friends and loved ones, we think of our connectedness to past saints and find inspiration in their stories of God's faithfulness. [Hebrews 11](#) gives many examples of the great cloud of witnesses whose lives tell of God's unfailing love and grace.

## Congratulations, Brian Carter

Accepted into  
UK College of Medicine

From Brian: "FCC Morehead: I recently got news that I have been accepted to attend UK College of Medicine Rural Physician Leadership Program. My faith has always and continues to be a crucial part of my drive to practice medicine; however, it has been your all's love and support that has been truly inspiring. I'm, excited and humbled to begin my journey and thank you for helping me achieve my dream."

With love,  
Brian G. Carter

## September Treasurer's Report

Income is \$7,428.10.  
Expenses are \$8,149.96.

## Mack Fund

A Donation

by

Anne Buckner



- 5- Raven Lynn Evans
- 13- Mary Claire Williams
- 13- Stacy Baker
- 18- Makayla Reynolds
- 19- Fran Helphinstine
- 24- Chas Jenkins
- 28- Jeff Brown

## Lucy & Bob Pryor

### New Address

231 Lyons Avenue  
Morehead KY 40351

## Opportunities for Connection

### Women of the Bible Study

via Zoom

Tuesdays 7:00—7:30pm Contact Sarah Chaney by email [sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com) or call (606) 207-2421.

### VESPERS

via Zoom



A time of song & prayer

Thursdays  
7:00pm

Vespers includes music, prayer, and meditation on artwork revealing God's word. Communion is a part of the service, so have some bread or cookie, water or liquid, if you would like to partake. [Contact office for Zoom Invitation.](#)

## We welcome those who want to join committees.

Congregational Life Committee  
Mary Claire Williams @  
(606) 776-8430  
[mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu).

Creation Care Committee  
Mark Etherton @  
606-776-1745  
[ginn1@windstream.net](mailto:ginn1@windstream.net)



**Bid.**  
**Donate.**  
**Support.**

The Silent Auction will be held on Facebook again this year. The auction will go "live" October 31 at 1:00pm and end November 7 at 1:00pm. Items being donated, should be in good condition and not "yard sale" items.

Drop off for items will begin October 17. Please have all items to the church Library no later than October 31 by 12:00pm. If you have any questions please contact Kaitlyn Paschall at 606-207-0225 or Anne Buckner at 606-356-2011.

# Outreach

## CHANGES TO OUR PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS CURRENT NEEDS

We met with the Rowan County Schools Family Resource Youth Service Center (FRYSC) Directors to determine greatest needs of our families for this fall and winter. We also spoke with our contact for the elderly, getting input about their greatest needs this holiday season. The following items were discussed with the Outreach Committee members via e-meeting. The committee supports implementing these initiatives and making adjustments to our existing holiday programs.



**Helping with Hoodies.** Charles Graham, FRYSC Director for Rowan County High School, indicated a great need for hoodies for middle-school and high-school students. Typically, these students do not wear coats, regardless of how cold it is, but they will wear zipper hoodies. They are also very peer-aware and are often too embarrassed to wear "Walmart" or "Dollar Store" brand clothing. Our committee agreed to do a hoodie drive during the month of October. I have created a Sign-up Genius for this, to hopefully get us a variety of sizes for these students. The drive will run until October 31st. If you have questions, contact Ronetta at 606-776-0576 or Jeff at (606)776-3233. You may sign up to purchase one or more hoodies at this link. [FCC Congregation.Helping with Hoodies Sign Up Genius](#)

### **Shifting our Focus:**

**Families** - As a result of the pandemic, families have received a great deal of assistance with regard to food. FRYSC directors suggested that we buy fewer food items, and perhaps more hygiene/household/cleaning items. Our committee agreed to omit some items from our food list and replace them with healthier foods (which tend to be more expensive and harder to purchase on a limited budget). We will add some household/hygiene items to the list to better meet their needs. The FRYSC directors are currently working on choosing the neediest families for us to help, and getting needs information from those families. Sign-ups will be posted for those items by the end of October.

**The Elderly** - Our contact for the elderly indicated a continued need for the items we have purchased in the past, but also added that these folks could greatly benefit from a Kroger gift card, which will help them purchase food in the winter. The elderly have not received pandemic assistance to the degree that families have, and so may need some extra help this winter. Our committee agreed to get a Kroger card for each of the ten elderly couples/individuals that we help this year. She requested that we add some inspirational/devotional reading materials for them as well. A sign-up genius will also be created for the Elderly Holiday Project by the end of October.

**Thanksgiving Baskets** - Our youth will once again shop for our Gateway Thanksgiving baskets. If you would like to make a monetary donation to support this project, please make a note on your FCC donation to indicate "Thanksgiving Baskets." All monetary donations are greatly appreciated!



Thanksgiving

**Dress for Success** - A counselor at Pathways reached out to our church, requesting help for a client who has just completed six months of addiction recovery. She will be starting a new job soon as a peer counselor, and is in need of work-appropriate clothing. Members of the outreach committee combined efforts and were able to provide this young lady with work outfits to wear for several days.

**Gateway Housewarming Baskets** - November is our last month for Gateway housewarming baskets. This ministry will resume with fresh sign-ups in February, 2022. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this project. Paul Semisch let me know that the very day he picked up last month's items, he was able to distribute those items to two transitioning families. Please know that your Gateway gifts have blessed many families this year!



**People's Clinic Lunches needed in November** - We will need to provide two lunches in November for the 10-12 People's Clinic Volunteers. Exact dates will be given to us sometime in October, but they are typically the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. If you are willing to provide one of these lunches, please let us know at 606-776-0576 (Ronetta) or 606-776-3233 (Jeff). Thanks in advance!

## First Christian October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3 Reconciliation Offering</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship 4:00pm Install Rev Gillett Pray for Ethan Jenkins.	<b>4</b> Pray for Eva Johnston.	<b>5</b> Pray for Jaz Johnson.	<b>6</b> Bell Choir 5pm Pray for Connie Kibbey.	<b>7</b> Vespers via Zoom 7pm. Pray for Barbara Marsh.	<b>8</b> Office closed. Pray for Jyeon McGillicuddy.	<b>9</b> Pray for Kennealy Roberts.
<b>10</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship Pray for Kaitlyn Paschall.	<b>11 Holiday</b> Office closed. Pray for Anthony Paschall.	<b>12 Women's</b> Bible Study via Zoom 7pm Pray for Miles & Scarlett Paschell.	<b>13</b> Bell Choir 5pm 7pm Pray for Makayla Reynolds.	<b>14</b> Vespers via Zoom 7pm Pray for Makayla Reynolds.	<b>15</b> Office closed. Pray for David Perkins.	<b>16</b> Pray for Bob Pryor.
<b>17</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45 Worship Pray for Lucy Pryor.	<b>18</b> Pray for Dana Quesinberry.	<b>19 Women's</b> Bible Study via Zoom 7pm Pray for Maggie Quesinberry.	<b>20</b> Bell Choir 5pm 7pm Pray for Roy Reynolds.	<b>21</b> Vespers via Zoom 7pm Pray for Jean Lamier.	<b>22</b> Office closed. Pray for Brent Rogers.	<b>23 Trunk or Treat</b> 5:00-7:00pm Pray for Alana Scott.
<b>24</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship Newsletter articles due. Pray for our country.	<b>25 Exec/Full Board Mtgs</b> 6:30-7:00pm Pray for Paul Semisch.	<b>26 Women's</b> Bible Study via Zoom 7pm Pray for Dennis McKay.	<b>27</b> Bell Choir 5pm 7pm Pray for Leon Smothers.	<b>28</b> Vespers via Zoom 7pm Pray for Molly Smothers.	<b>29</b> Office closed. Pray for Adrian Swain.	<b>30</b> Pray for Carmen Swim.
<b>31 All Saints Day</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship Silent Auction - Bid Online. Pray for Phillip Swim.	<b>November 1</b> Silent Auction thru 11.7.21.	<b>2 Election Day</b> Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7pm Silent Auction thru 11.7.21.	<b>3</b> Bell Choir 5pm 7pm Silent Auction thru 11.7.21.	<b>4</b> Vespers via Zoom 7pm Silent Auction thru 11.7.21.	<b>5</b> Office closed. Silent Auction thru 11.7.21.	<b>6</b> Silent Auction thru 11.7.21.

First Christian Church  
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 Genny Jenkins, Music Director  
 Isaiah Florence, Keyboardist  
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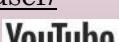
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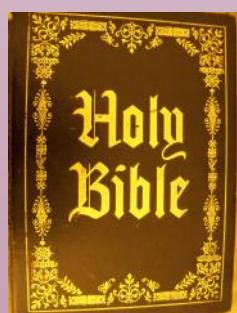
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**Bible Lectionary  
 Readings**



Disciples of Christ  
 Oct 3—Mark 10:2-16  
 Oct 10—Mark 10:17-31  
 Oct 17—Mark 10:35-45  
 Oct 24—Mark 10:46-52  
 Oct 31—Mark 12:28-34

## Congregation Prayer Practice

CULTIVATING A SPIRIT OF LOVE



As part of its mission to "to maintain the closest possible contact with the entire church membership to the end that each church member may function effectively in the work of the church and in a spirit of love and comradeship," the Evangelism Committee would like to encourage the church to intentionally

think of each other in prayer. To this end, continuing in October, there will be an individual or intention on each day of *The Echo* calendar to include in your personal prayers.

26	27	28	29	30	OCT 1	2
Pray for Jane Holbrook	Pray for Jami Hornbuckle	Pray for Holly Pollock	Pray for Genny Jenkins	Pray for Chas Jenkins	Pray for Jon Jenkins	Pray for Kennealy Roberts
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Pray for Ethan Jenkins	Pray for Eva Johnston	Pray for Jaz Johnson	Pray for Connie Kibbey	Pray for Barbara Marsh	Pray for Jiyeon McGillicuddy	Pray for Natalie Mineer
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pray for Kaitlyn Paschall	Pray for Anthony Paschall	Pray for Miles Paschall	Pray for Dianna Pettit	Pray for Makayla Reynolds	Pray for David Perkins	Pray for Bob Pryor
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Pray for Lucy Pryor	Pray for Dana Quesinberry	Pray for Maggie Quesinberry	Pray for Roy Reynolds	Pray for Jean Lamer	Pray for Brent Rogers	Pray for Alana Scott
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Pray for our country	Pray for Paul Semisch	Pray for Dennis McKay	Pray for Lola Smith	Pray for Leon Smothers	Pray for Molly Smothers	Pray for Adrian Swain
31	NOV 1	2	3	4	5	6
Pray for Carmen Swim	Pray for Phillip Swim	Pray for Olivia Black	Pray for Graham Black	Pray for Dan Thomas	Pray for Marge Thomas	Pray for Susan Thomas



**CHURCH  
 DIRECTORY**

### Congregational Life Committee

The committee is working on updating the directory with a goal of completing the update by the beginning of November. If you would like a new picture for the directory, please email one to the office at [fccmky@gmail.com](mailto:fccmky@gmail.com).

If you need assistance taking a new picture, please email Mary Claire Williams at [mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu) to arrange a time to meet for a picture.